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SELF-MANAGEMENT AND THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK: EVERYDAY WORK IN ARGENTINA'S "FABRICAS RECUPERADAS"

José Itzigsohn graduated from Johns Hopkins in 1995. He is the author of "Developing Poverty" (Penn State, 2000). This book compares the formation of the informal economy in Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic and analyzes how different state policies affect the structure of the labor market and policies. He has also published numerous journal articles and book chapters on racial identity formation and the emergence of panethnicity among first and second generation immigrants from Latin America and the Caribbean, and on the transnational aspects of immigrant lives.

His work focuses on two areas. The first is identity and group formation, with a focus on processes of racialization, and ethnic and nation formation. He is currently conducting research on the racial and ethnic identity formation among first and second generation Dominican immigrants, on the formation of Latino/a communities and identities, and on the formation of immigrant transnational communities.

Dr. Itzigsohn's second area of interest is the political economy of inequality. His research includes labor markets and the informal economy in Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic. Currently I am working on the employment strategies and trajectories of Latin American immigrants in the United States. He is also studying the recuperated factories in Argentina (factories that have been taken over by workers who run them as worker-owned cooperatives), assessing the conditions that sustain collective action and the organizational forms of the worker-owned factories.

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